OLD ENGLAND.

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SOME Time ago ſhewed, that the Power of *France* was not naturally ſo great as is commonly imagined, but aroſe chiefly from the Negligence and bad Policy of it's Neighbours, eſpecially in theſe Iſlands. By another Extract from *an Account of the French Uſurpations*, I ſhall now give an Enumeration of ſome of the Particulars of *French* Luxury, the total Prohibition and Diſuſe of which would be of fatal Conſequence to his Moſt Chriſtian Majeſty.

"New Maxims (ſays the Author of this Pamphlet) muſt be framed, and Meaſures taken, for the Retrenchment of the Power of *France*; or elſe I can foretell, without the Help of an Augur, what will be the Fate of *England*. Enfeeble the Trade of *France*, and Money will fail, and by conſequence it's Potency will become impotent; for Trade is the Fountain from whence it's Riches ſpring, and Money is the Baſis of it's Greatneſs and Strength.

The Parliament, with great Wiſdom and Judgement, hath prohibited *England* all Trade or Commerce with *France*, and *France* cannot take it ill, ſince the Moſt Chriſtian King had the ſame Deſign upon *England*, but that he obſerved it would turn to *Loſs*. It is no Prudence to admit thoſe Manufactures and Commodities into *England* wherewith we now abound, or may have better than from *France*.

And no Reaſon of Commerce requires, that we ſhould be injurious to ourſelves, to be ſerviceable to the Advantages of others. The Emperor, by Edict, doth exclude the *Hungarian* Wines, and many other Things of the Growth of that Kingdom, out of *Auſtria*, that they of *Auſtria* may conſume and diſpoſe of their own.

And as for Wines, *England* may have them from *Hungary*, *Auſtria*, *Tirol*, *Franconia*, the *Rhine*, the *Moſelle*, *Portugal*, and elſewhere, at better Rates and cheaper, than out of *France*; and the Princes of thoſe Countries will take off the Manufactures and native Commodities of *England* for them, and by that means we may ſettle Trade upon a ſolid Baſis with them.

How far theſe generous Wines do exceed thoſe of *France*, *Auguſtus* the Emperor, if he were alive, could tell you, who, when he poſſeſſed *Italy*, *Spain*, *Crete*, *Greece*, *Ægypt*, and the richeſt Parts of *Africa*, *Aſia*, and *Europe*, would drink no other Wines; for theſe receive Eſteem, Dignity and Value from their Age and Antiquity, and contribute much to Health, if moderately uſed; whereas the *French* Wines procure nothing but ſharp and tartarous Humours, and as they are now adulterated in *France*, they are pernicious to us*. All the Wines of *France*, from their Nativity, will ſcarcely bear the Age of a Year; and ſome of them before the Month of *Auguſt* of the ſame Year they grew, are corrupted; from whence it follows, that they muſt be drunk corrupted or new, in both Caſes dangerous to our Health.

Brandy is a Liquor very fatal to us, and it had been well for *England* if we never had heard of it; but if we do ſo much admire it, tho' we have no Grapes here, it may be drawn off from Corn, and there is no better than that which is ſo drawn in *Sarmatia*, and drunk by the *Poles*.

As for Salt, if the making of it were encouraged, there might be made much better here in *England* than we have from *France*. That worthy and public-ſpirited Perſon *Richard Allcorn*, Eſq; by his Salt-works near *Portſmouth* is at this Time [1679] an excellent Precedent for the whole Nation. The Salt of *France* is groſs, foul, black, corroſive, and by no means to be compared with that of *England*.

If you take two Veſſels of equal Magnitude, and fill the one with *Engliſh* and the other with *French* Salt, and decoct them, the *Engliſh* decreaſes leſs by one third Part than the *French*. If the *Engliſh* Salt be recocted, and a requiſite Quantity of Sea-water added, the *Engliſh* Salt doth encreaſe one third more than the *French*. What great Loſs by one, and Advantage by the other, doth accrue, is worthy of due Conſideration.

The *Engliſh* Salt, by reaſon of it's Purity and extraordinary Efficacy, cures Fiſh or Fleſh better, goes further in Uſe, and preſerves longer than any unrefined Salt. The Fiſh or Fleſh ſaved with it is much more wholeſome to the Body, pleaſant and grateful to the Taſte. The *Dutch* have better Prices for their Fiſh than the *Engliſh*, and a greater Trade, becauſe they are cured with refined Salt. It will be of ſingular Uſe in hot Climates, becauſe it pierces ſo much quicker than Salt unrefined, and corned by the Sun, and will by conſequence preſerve either Fiſh or Fleſh better and longer; whereas the unrefined Salt, in hot Climates, by reaſon of it's corroding Quality, doth decay very ſuddenly either Fiſh or Fleſh, and in any Climate robs the Fleſh of it's Gravy and Moiſture, makes it dry and hard, and ſo prejudicial to the Body.

As to the great Benefit of the *Engliſh* Salt in curing Fiſh, the Company of the Royal Fiſhery can give a very great Account thereof. To give Encouragement to the making of Salt here in *England* (which they may do, not only to ſerve in *England* with Salt, but in the *Baltic*, *Weſt-Indies*, and elſewhere) is to impoſe ſome great Duty upon foreign Salt, which will encreaſe his Majeſty's Revenue, if they ſhall continue to bring it into this Kingdom, and to impoſe half ſo much upon the *Engliſh* Salt, as ſhall be impoſed upon the foreign, which the Makers of Salt are willing to pay, becauſe *Engliſh* Salt, by reaſon of the great Quantities of foreign Salt imported in ſome Parts of this Kingdom, is ſold at Sixpence *per* Buſhel, whereas formerly it hath been ſold at Four Shillings *per* Buſhel.

It will much encreaſe Home-Trade, by cauſing great Sums of Money to circulate. It will give Employment to many Perſons, who now beg, ſteal, or otherwiſe live in a miſerable and poor Condition.

It will very much encreaſe Navigation, by employing great Numbers of Veſſels to bring Coals to the Salt-works, and to carry Salt to Markets; whereas foreign Salt is imported by Return of Freight or foreign Veſſels.

The United Provinces of the *Netherlands* did for ſome Time, by public Edict, prohibit all Wines, Salt and Brandy, and the Manufactures of *France*, as foreign Commodities, and not for them needful.

If the Emperor and other Princes of *Germany*, by their Pragmatic Sanctions, had done the like, *France* would have loſt thoſe prodigious and vaſt Sums of Money, which, to the impoveriſhing of many Parts of *Europe*, it hath drawn from them. Thereupon their Trade would have decayed, their Money failed, and by conſequence their Power would have abated.

Their Wines, Brandy, Salt, and other their Manufactures, would have lain upon their Hands; their People, for want of Employment, muſt have begged; and then, if his Moſt Chriſtian Majeſty ſhould have continued Taxes upon them, it would have hazarded their Obedience. And certainly nothing hath hitherto kept that People within the Circle of their Duty, but the great Encouragement the Moſt Chriſtian King hath given to Trade; for thereby they are employed, and their Thoughts taken off from breaking out into any Action or Diſtemper.

All *French*-wrought, figured, flowered, braſſed, ſtitched, ſtriped Silks and Drogets, Tamines, and Eſtimens, Serges, and other Stuffs made of Wool, together with *Madam la Mode*, being proſcribed *England*, all due Encouragement muſt be given to the Weavers. The *Engliſh* have arrived to a very great Perfection in weaving of Silks, and other Stuffs made of Wool; but by reaſon of the Importation of *French* Commodities, they have, for want of Employment, been burthenſome and chargeable to their reſpective Pariſhes; and many Strangers, which have come into *England* to work here, by reaſon they found ſo little Employment, returned into their own Countries again.

It will be prudent in us to encourage Strangers to work here, but not to give Countenance to foreign Traders.

The *Engliſh* have paid yearly for the manufacturing of the *French* Weavers Silks, beſides Stuffs, which might have been wrought by the *Engliſh* here, and which are generally paid for with Money, not with other Commodities, the Sum of Five Hundred Four Thouſand One Hundred and Ten Pounds. So that allowing to every Perſon working Silk, Fifteen Pounds *per Ann.* it would employ 33000 Perſons, which Number, were they well employed here, would be conſiderably advantageous to this Kingdom. And it is evident, that *England* hath hitherto maintained the *French* King's Subjects at Work, whilſt the Natives here have been ready to ſtarve for want thereof.

It is great Prudence in the Parliament, that they have abſolutely proſcribed all theſe *French* Commodities and Manufactures, and not only to impoſe a great Duty upon them, as ſome deſigned, becauſe much of the *French* Commodities, by ſmall Ships or Shallops, are privately conveyed hither, without paying any Cuſtom. It is demonſtrably true, that not one Piece in twenty is entered or paid for, to the Deceit of his Majeſty, and the impoveriſhing of his Subjects here."

Several of the Hints in the above Extract have already been taken in this Kingdom, and if not theſe only, but ſeveral others that might be added to them, were more fully and effectually followed, *France* would find her Strength much more impaired than it is at preſent.

* The Wines of *France*, if compared with the other, are indeed not of no Value.

LONDON.

The following Peers dead ſince laſt Seſſion, and to take Place the next.

Marquis of Rockingham, dead. His Son of Age next June.

Earl of Plymouth to take Place.

Earl of Dartmouth, dead. Heir a Minor.

Sir Edward Seymour, Bart. claiming the Title of Duke of Somerſet.

Changes among the Commons ſince laſt Seſſion.

Dorcheſter. John Browne, Eſq; dead, & Nat. Gundry, Eſq; a Judge. Candidates, —— Pitt, & —— Damer, Eſqrs.

Eaſt Grinſtead. Sydney Stafford Smythe, a Judge. Candidates, —— Smythe, Eſq; and Col. York.

Heytsbury. W. Aſhe, Eſq; dead. Candidate, Capt. Acourt.

Rocheſter. Sir Chal. Ogle, dead. Candidate, Paul Joddrel, Eſq;

Edinburghſhire. Sir Cha. Gilmour, Bart. dead.

Oxford. Richard Plumer, Eſq; dead.

Boroughbridge. Earl of Dalkeith dead. The Hon. —— Monſon Watſon, Eſq; choſen.

Plymouth. Lord Vere Beauclerke, made a Peer. Capt. Saunders choſen.

Rye. Sir John Norris, Knt. dead. Thomas Pelham, Eſq; choſen.

Weſtminſter. Lord Trentham *returned*.

Yorkſhire. Sir Miles Stapylton, Bart. a Place. Lord Viſcount Downe choſen.

Lanerkſhire. Sir Ja. Hamilton, dead. Patrick Steuart, of Torrence, choſen.

We hear her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs of Wales will go towards the latter End of February next to Bath, to uſe the Waters of the Place; and that a Houſe on the North-Parade is preparing for her Royal Highneſs's Reception.

Wm Wyndham, Eſq; is appointed Paymaſter to his Royal Highneſs the Duke of Cumberland, in the room of the Hon. Stephen Poyntz, deceaſed.

His Grace the Duke of Dorſet has appointed Wm James, Eſq; of Igtham in Kent, to be Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod in Ireland.

The Lords of the Admiralty have ordered two Men of War at Portſmouth, to be equipt with all Expedition, in order to relieve two others on the Jamaica Station, who are called home.

His Majeſty, according to annual Cuſtom has ordered his Bounty of 1000l. to be diſtributed among the Poor of Weſtminſter.

'Tis certainly ſaid, that there will be four new Ways to Weſtminſter Bridge, viz. one from Kennington-Lane; one from Kent-Street Road, thro' the Gate-way by Newington Turnpike; one facing the Turning to Kent-Street, by St. George's in the Borough; and another from St. Saviour's, near St. Mary Overs.

General Pulteney's Regiment of Foot is marched from Berwick to Stirling. In their March to Edinburgh, they met with ſome Difficulties from the Inclemency of the Weather, and the great Depth of the Snow, which on the Muir was generally two Feet. Four Women and Children periſhed.

Sunday the Lord Biſhop of Oxford preached his Farewell Sermon at the Pariſh Church of St. James's from 2 Cor. xiii. 11. *Finally, Brethren, farewell.*

The Right Rev. the Lord Biſhop of London has preſented the Rev. Charles Moſs, D. D. to the Rectory of St. James's, Weſtminſter, which lately became vacant by the Promotion of the Right Rev. the Lord Biſhop of Oxford, to the Deanry of St. Paul's.

The Rev. Mr. Young, late Rector of North Tuddenham, in the County of Norfolk, has left 100 l. to the Treaſurer and Governors of the Charity, for the Relief of poor Clergymen's Widows & Children, who were beneficed or had Curacies in the County of Norfolk and City of Norwich. He has alſo left 100l. to be diſpoſed of in Suffolk in like manner. 'Tis hoped living Benefactors will think of this truly exemplary Charity.

Laſt Tueſday the Lord Sundon fell down in an Apoplectic Fit, as he was walking in St. James's Park, and his Lordſhip continues very dangerouſly indiſpoſed.

A few Days ſince died, at Ridley-Hall in Northumberland, in the 62d Year of his Age, Mr. Lowes; a Man of great Honour, Integrity, and ſo remarkably inoffenſive, that, 'tis ſaid, no Perſon was ever known to ſpeak evil of him.

Laſt Saturday died the Rev. Mr. Burchett, Canon of Windſor, and Rector of Clewer in Berkſhire. He was cut for the Stone about a Week before, and ſeemingly recovering, but a Mortification unexpectedly happening, killed him.

Sunday was interred at Whitechapel Church the the Remains of that very excellent Man the late Mr. Solomon Lowe, Maſter of the Academy at Hammerſmith.

His Look
Excited Reverence,
And his Approach
Good-Will.
Engaging in his Manners,
His Converſation ſecured Attention,
And circulated Improvement.
Every Geſture ſpoke Humanity,
And every Action Benevolence.
He was Awful
In Piety;
Rational
In Devotion;
In Virtue,
Exemplary and Inviting.
Maſter of, almoſt, every Branch of Knowlege;
Except
That which concerned his own Excellencies,
And others' Failings.
In a Word,
He lived as all good Men would wiſh to die:
And, dying,
Shewed how other Men ſhould live.

The late Repreſentations of our Court concerning the Conduct of the French and their Indians at Nova Scotia, have been anſwered as follows by the French Miniſtry: "They had already ſent Orders to their Subjects and Indian Allies to be quiet: That they well ſatisfy'd their Officers would ſtrictly obey; but that it was not abſolutely in their Power to reſtrain the Indians; neither could they hinder the French ſettled under the Britiſh Dominion, from quitting their Habitations, in order to live under the Domination of his Moſt Chriſtian Majeſty."

The following is an Extract of the King of Pruſſia's Anſwer, to the Memorial delivered by Count de la Puebla, Envoy Extraordinary from their Imperial Majeſties at Berlin, concerning the Election of a King of the Romans:

"The King is always well inclined to their Imperial Majeſties. Is of Opinion, that the Archduke Joſeph, were he of Age, would be the beſt Candidate in the Empire for the Roman Diadem.

"But the King ſubmits it to Conſideration, whether it would not be haſtening that Election too much to bring it on while the Emperor is in the Flower of his Age, while his Son is an Infant; and this too, while the Empire is bleſſed with a profound Peace? If the Emperor ſhould unhappily die, what a Situation would the Empire be in under the Government of a Head, himſelf under Guardianſhip?

"Beſides, there ſeems no Reaſon for ſuch an Election, the Motives alleged for it by the Emperor appearing altogether inſufficient. But that he leaves them to be diſcuſs'd by the Germanic Body, previous to the Election, agreeable to the 8th Article of the Peace of Weſtphalia, in order to eſtabliſh the Legality of the ſaid Election.

"The King upon the whole therefore, would rather adviſe their Imperial Majeſties to defer the Election 'till the Prince becomes of Age; as it will ſuit much better with the Conſtitution and Majeſty of the Imperial Body."

Extract of a Letter from Edinburgh, Dec. 25.

"The late extraordinary Efforts of Serjeant John Young, condemned for Forgery, to ſave his Life, may not perhaps be unworthy of your Curioſity. In the Warrant directing his Execution, he obſerved it was ordered to be done between the Hours of Two and Four. He thought therefore, if he could delay it 'till the Expiration of that Time, they could not execute him without a freſh Order, which was no weak Suppoſition, for legally they could not. To effect this, he deſired Time for private Devotion might be allowed him, and the Aſſiſtance of two Clergymen, which ſeeming reaſonable, was immediately granted. After a good Delay, the Miniſters retired, and left him as he deſired to his private Devotion. As ſoon as they departed, he ſhut the Door, bolted it, and, when the Officers came to fetch him, there was no Admittance for them. On calling to him, he told them, he was determined on the Defence of his Life. The Door was then attempted to be forced, but being Iron was too ſtrong.

"The Surprize became general, the Town-clock was ſtopt, and the Lord Provoſt appear'd in Perſon. He ordered the Cieling of the Priſoner's Room to be ript up, and offered Rewards to any of the City-Guard to jump down and ſeize him. They preſented firſt a Gun at him, threatening to ſhoot him. He wiſhed they would, for then he ſaid he ſhould die like a Soldier. But watching his Opportunity, he jumped up, ſnatched at and got Poſſeſſion of the Gun. He now thought himſelf ſecure, but the Piece was luckily not charged. Greater Rewards were offered for the ſeizing him; and at length, one of the Guard jumped down, but was ſaluted with ſuch a Blow with the Butt-end of the Piece from Young, as would have ended the Fray, had not a ſecond, a third, &c. cloſely followed the firſt. He fought gallantly, but Numbers at laſt overpowered him. When ſecured, he asked if it was not paſt Four, (which it certainly was) and being anſwered he ſhould be hanged if it was paſt Eight, he compoſed himſelf to meet his ſo much dreaded Fate. They were obliged to carry him in a Cart to the Gallows, where, not without Force, they executed him, pitied by a vaſt Throng of amazed Spectators. He had a good Character, and had he lived and this not happened, he would have had the next vacant Pair of Colours in Ld Ancram's Foot, where he belong'd."

Extract of a Letter from Chicheſter.

"A Farmer returning from Market in the Evening, had a Blunderbuſs fired at him from the Hedge by ſome Villain concealed in it, and eſcaped being killed on the Spot with very ſurprizing Providence. One Bullet went thro' the Sleeve of his Coat, another thro' the Body of it, and a third entered the front Corner of his Hat, cut both the Loops aſunder, and went thro' the Back Brim of it. With all theſe Bullets, he received only a ſlight Wound on his Hip. Diligent Search is making after the Aſſaſſin, and one Fellow on a ſtrong Preſumption is taken and committed to the County Jail, to take his Trial next Aſſizes. The Fellow's Shoes, which are nailed in a very particular manner, exactly tally with ſome Footſteps about the Hedge from whence the Piece was fired."

We hear from Gillingwood near Richmond in Yorkſhire, that a few Days ſince a Fire broke out at the Seat of Wm Wharton, Eſq; of that Place, which in a ſhort Space entirely conſumed that magnificent Building.

Wedneſday 7-night about Six o'Clock, as Mr. Hawes, Collector of the Cuſtoms for the Port of Boſton in Lincolnſhire, was riding between the Green Man on Epping Foreſt and Stratford, he was attacked in a very genteel Manner by a ſingle Highwayman, who told him that he ſhould be contented with what he thought proper to give him, but that if he reſiſted, he ſhould be obliged to uſe rough Methods. On this, Mr. Hawes gave him a few Shillings, with which he rode off.—Before Mr. Hawes got to Stratford, he was again attacked by three Footpads, who pulled him off his Horſe, rifled his Pockets, and took from his Watch, five Guineas, his Whip, Hat and Wig, and then left him to make the beſt of his Way.

We hear from Briſtol, that a few Days ago a Sharper came to the Door of an old Woman (a Fortune-Teller) in Mitchell-lane, deſiring to ſpeak with her, and without further Ceremony he was admitted. He deſired a little private Diſcourſe with her, and in the mean Time he would ſend the Maid for a Pot of Ale, if ſhe thought proper. Whereupon the Maid was ſent, while he robbed the old Sorcereſs, who ſeemed on this Occaſion to have left her conjuring Art, of 14 Guineas, her Magic-Book, &c. and made off, leaving the Witch to drink the Ale with her Maid when ſhe returned.

Wedneſday Catharine Cummins was ſent to the Poultry Compter, for forging a Seaman's Will and Powers.

On Tueſday Afternoon a Woman genteely dreſſed, went to Mrs. Potter's at Newington, pretending to want Lodgings; and whilſt Mrs. Potter was preparing to entertain her with a Diſh of Tea, ſhe ſtript the Beaufet of ſome Plate, and got off undiſcovered.

Monday the 15 Malefactors under Sentence of Death, Joſhua Weſt Clerk of the Bank being reprieved, were executed at Tyburn: 14 were carried in five Carts, & Mr. Baker went in a Mourning Coach. They behaved penitently. There was a Hearſe and Four attending for Mr. Baker, and he was buried from an Undertaker's in Abchurch-lane. Carbold & Watlin, the Smugglers, were ſent to Norfolk to be buried.

On Monday a Boy 11 Years of Age, having got too near the Gallows at Tyburn, was trampled under the Horſes Feet, and killed.

Mrs. Keith's Corpſe was removed from her Husband's Houſe in May-Fair, the Middle of October 1749, to an Apothecary's in South-Audley Street, where ſhe lies in a Room hung with Mourning, and is to continue there 'till Mr. Keith can attend her Funeral.——Several Perſons belonging to Churches and Chapels, together with many others, ſuppoſing the Marriages at May-Fair New Chapel detrimental to their Intereſt, have made it their Buſineſs to raiſe and clamour, but in ſuch a Manner as not to deſerve an Anſwer, becauſe every thing they have ſaid tends only to expoſe their own Ignorance and Malice, and the Opinion of People of good Senſe and Underſtanding.—The Way to Mr. Keith's Chapel is thro' Piccadilly, by the End of St. James's-Street, and down Clarges-Street, and turn on the Left-Hand. The Marriages (together with a Licence on a Five Shilling Stamp, and Certificate) are carried on for a Guinea as uſual, any Time 'till Four in the Afternoon; by another regular Clergyman, at Mr. Keith's Little Chapel in May-Fair, near Hyde-Park Corner, oppoſite the Great Chapel, and within Ten Yards of it. There is a Porch at the Door like a Country Church Porch.

COUNTRY NEWS.

Ipſwich, Dec. 28. Laſt Saturday Night, about 10, ten or twelve Men, well armed, broke into the Houſe of Mr. Fulcher, of Briſingham in Norfolk, and not only robbed him of a conſiderable Sum of Money, three Watches, ſeveral curious Pieces of old Coin, but uſed him in a moſt cruel Manner, malicioufly deſtroying a good deal of valuable China, &c. which they did not think fit to carry off.

Clarke, alias Plunder, who was wounded with a Piſtol at Buddeſdale, is not dead, as reported.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, Dec. 24. We hear from Aberdeen, that not long ſince Capt. Stafford, of Lieut. Gen. Wheteney's Regiment of Foot, partly quartered there, cauſed a Man crying treaſonable Ballads. Having been before a Juſtice, he inſiſted on his Puniſhment. The Magiſtrate being remiſs in this Duty, Captain Stafford deſired the Ballads might be burnt by the common Hangman, which being alſo refuſed, he cauſed it to be done in the Market-Place, on a Market-Day, by his Drummer.

IRELAND.

Dublin, Dec. 22. We hear for certain, that Petitions are prepared, and ſent up to London, from the County of Lancaſhire, to be laid before the Parliament, in order to fix a Duty upon Rock Salt at it's Exportation to Ireland; which, if carried into Execution, will probably raiſe the Price of that Commodity very high in this Kingdom.

The Incorporated Society for promoting Engliſh Proteſtant Working Schools, have lately received 1 l. 12 s. from the correſponding Society in London, being a Benefaction collected in Virginia, by the Hon. and Rev. Dr. Wm Dawſon, for which the Society return their Thanks to the reſpective Benefactors.

The Diſtemper lately raging among the Horſes in England, hath got into this Kingdom, and particularly into Dublin, where many Horſes are very ill with that Diſorder.

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